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BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

In the Matter of)	
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Rulemaking to Amend Parts 1, 21, and 25)	CC Docket No. 92-297
of the Commission's Rules to Redesignate)	
the 27.5-29.5 GHz Frequency Band, to)	
Reallocate the 29.5-30.0 GHz Frequency)	
Band, to Establish Rules and Policies for)	
Local Multipoint Distribution Service and)	DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL
for Fixed Satellite Services)	
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and)	
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Suite 12 Group Petition for)	PP-22
Pioneer's Preference)	

**MOTION OF GE AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE REPLIES**

GE American Communications, Inc. ("GE Americom"), by its attorneys and pursuant to Section 1.46 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.46, hereby requests a two-week extension of the reply comment deadline in the above-captioned proceeding. If the extension is granted, reply comments would be due on October 12, 1995.

Grant of the requested extension is warranted to ensure that all parties have an adequate opportunity to review and respond to the voluminous comments that were submitted. More than three dozen parties filed comments in the proceeding, and many of the comments were quite lengthy and attached

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detailed technical exhibits. This proceeding is of critical importance to all segments of the satellite and terrestrial communications industries that are seeking the allocation of spectrum in the 28 GHz Ka-band. A two-week extension of the reply comment deadline should allow all interested parties adequate time to consider and respond to all the issues raised in the comments.

Additional time for replies is particularly important to members of the satellite industry due to the overlap of the reply comment period with a number of other important Commission filing deadlines. Specifically, comments on applications in the current processing round for C- and Ku-band services are due September 22. *See* Report No. SPB-25, DA 95-1804 (Aug. 18, 1995). In addition, the Commission has established a Ka-band processing round with a September 29 deadline to file new applications and respond to applications submitted earlier. *See* Report No. SPB-20, DA 95-1689 (July 28, 1995). Many of the personnel involved in preparing filings in these two processing rounds are also likely to be working on preparation of reply comments regarding Ka-band allocation issues. Grant of the requested extension would significantly alleviate the time pressures on these personnel by permitting them to focus on Ka-band policy issues after these other filing dates have passed.

GE Americom believes that grant of this motion is consistent with the public interest and will not adversely affect any party. GE Americom supports expeditious Commission action to allocate Ka-band spectrum. However, given the importance of this proceeding, we believe that all parties are best served by a filing

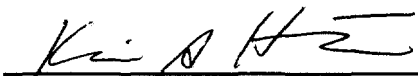
schedule that permits full consideration and analysis of the issues and development of the best possible record on which the Commission can act.

For these reasons, GE Americom respectfully requests that the Commission grant a two-week extension of the reply comment deadline, to October 12, 1995.

Respectfully submitted,

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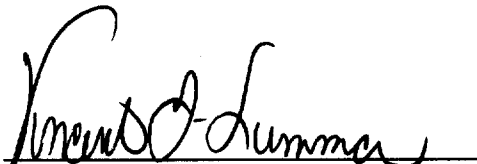
September 21, 1995

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing "Motion of GE American Communications, Inc. For Extension of Time to File Replies" were served by hand delivery this 21st day of September, 1995 to:

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